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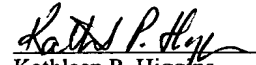
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3-Mercaptoacetylamino-1,5-substituted-2-oxo-azepan Derivatives Useful as
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO
THE EXAMINER'S ACTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

Dear Sir:

The present Reply is being submitted following a final Action. The amendments made herein are for the purpose of canceling certain claims rejected by the Examiner and placing the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.